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The instant Application has been remanded to the Examiner by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (the Board). From the record, it appears that the Board is concerned that the Appeal Brief filed January 18, 2002 does not include a correct listing of all the appealed claims. Specifically, it appears that claim 19 is missing from the Appendix of the Claims on Appeal. However, Applicant subsequently filed a corrected version of the Appendix of the Claims on Appeal on July 23, 2002. In view of the above, the instant application has been returned to the Board to await decision.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stefan Staicovici, PhD whose telephone number is (703)305-0396. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 5:50 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard D. Crispino, can be reached at (703) 308-3853. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-7718.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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